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and all of the, I guess, what I want to say different provisions in the state like we do for those of us that have worked on the committee and live in the...in this state. So that is...that is one reason that we felt strongly, and I just wanted to say that, that we would be establishing another new system. And this is something that takes a considerable amount of time. I feel very strongly we need to look at the compensation program, that we need to include retirement, but let's wait until next session to include the retirement package. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Landis, on the motion to return.

SENATOR LANDIS: I just want to say I have no motions, I have no objections, I have no questions and I have nothing of value to add to this discussion. I'm going to sit down.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, on the motion to return LB 711.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Bruning a question or two in view of what Senator Stuhr just told us.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bruning, would you yield?

SENATOR BRUNING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bruning, was there a discussion during committee deliberations as to whether this would be a constitutional course of action?

SENATOR BRUNING: I'm not...I guess I don't recall, Senator, there sure could have been. We talked about a lot of things with regard to the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did anybody suggest that an Attorney General's Opinion, regarding the constitutionality, be sought?

SENATOR BRUNING: It's possible. Is that what Senator Stuhr said? I'm sorry if I missed it.